

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 6, 7, 8,, and 10 have been amended to present Claims 5-10 (which was objected to) in allowable form. Claims 11-14 stand allowed. Claims 15, 20 and 21 have been also amended to present Claims 18, 20 and 21 (which were objected to) in allowable form.

The status of original claims in the application is as follows:

#### **Claim**

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| 1  | Amended to include original Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5.                   |
| 2  | Cancelled (limitation added to Claim 1).                             |
| 3  | Amended to depend from Claim 1.                                      |
| 4  | Cancelled (limitation added to Claim 1).                             |
| 5  | Cancelled (limitation added to Claim 1).                             |
| 6  | Amended to include limitations of original Claims 1, 2, and 4.       |
| 7  | Amended to include limitation of original Claims 1, 2, and 4.        |
| 8  | Amended to include limitation of original Claims 1 and 2.            |
| 9  | Original – not amended.  |
| 10 | Amended dependent claim to include limitations of Claim 1, 2, and 4. |
| 11 | Allowed  |
| 12 | Allowed, amended to correct reference number.                        |
| 13 | Allowed  |
| 14 | Allowed  |
| 15 | Amended to include limitation of original Claims 15, 16, and 18.     |
| 16 | Cancelled (limitation added to Claim 15).                            |
| 17 | Cancelled  |
| 18 | Cancelled (limitation added to Claim 15).                            |
| 19 | Cancelled (limitation added to amend Claims 20, 21).                 |


20 Amended to include limitations of original Claims 15, 16, 19, and 20.

21 Amended to include limitations of original Claims 15, 16, 19, and 21.

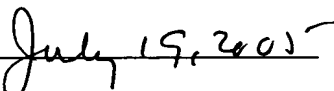
Allowance of Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11-14, 15, 20, and 21 and passage to issue is respectfully submitted.

A clean copy of the claims as amended is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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